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For : GENETIC SYSTEM AND SELF-CLEAVING INTEINS
DERIVED THEREFROM, BIOSEPARATIONS AND
PROTEIN PURIFICATION EMPLOYING SAME, AND
METHODS FOR DETERMINING CRITICAL,
GENERALIZABLE AMINO ACID RESIDUES FOR
VARYING INTEIN ACTIVITY

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